

# Community Wood Smoke Reduction Program



## Invest in Healthy and Efficient Home Heating

Replace Your Smoky Old Woodstove

Receive up to \$2,150 when Replacing or Removing Old Wood-Burning Appliances



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## WOOD BURNING APPLIANCE EXCHANGE REBATE APPLICATION

This Community Wood Smoke Reduction Program is coordinated by the Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) and is available to eligible Cowichan Valley residents. The program provides financial assistance to replace or remove old wood-burning appliances to reduce smoke pollution and improve air quality.

### Residents can Receive up to:

- **\$2,150 rebate** (\$2,000 plus \$150 retailer discount) for replacing a wood-burning appliance with a **heat pump**.
- **\$1,550 rebate** (\$1500 plus \$50 retailer discount) for replacing an old, inefficient woodstove or outdoor wood boiler with an EPA- or CSA-certified **pellet stove or pellet boiler**.
- **\$650 rebate** (\$600 plus \$50 retailer discount) for replacing an old, inefficient woodstove with an EPA- or CSA-certified **woodstove**.

### Conditions

- Only one rebate per taxable residence per year.
- Replacement appliance cannot be secondhand.
- Both the old wood-burning appliance and the new heating appliance must meet the rebate program requirements.
- Residents who purchase a new wood-burning appliance are required to complete a short online course and submit a course certificate with their application.

### To Receive The Rebate

- Old wood-burning appliances must be inspected by a Wood Energy Technical Training (WETT) certified technician to verify the age of the old wood-burning appliance.
- If replacing an old wood-burning appliance with a new wood-burning appliance, a WETT certified technician must certify that the new appliance meets current WETT and CSA standards.

### Qualification Information

To qualify, the appliance being replaced must be the primary heating source and be either: an uncertified wood-burning appliance, or; an EPA- or CSA-certified appliance that is at least 5 years old.

### Installation Information

Before installation of the new heating appliance, ensure the old wood-burning appliance is inspected by a WETT certified technician and certified to have been manufactured before January 1, 2021.

### Disposal of Old Appliance

Disposal of old appliance the applicant is exchanging an old wood-burning appliance for a new wood-burning appliance, or does not meet this criteria, the old wood-burning appliance must be permanently disabled before being dropped off at a CVRD Recycling Centre and signed off by a CVRD Recycling Attendant:

### Clean Burning Pledge

Residents installing a new heat pump will have the option to keep the old wood-burning appliance if: The existing wood stove is EPA- or CSA-certified and is currently in use. The applicant signs a Clean Burning Pledge to only use the wood stove in specific conditions (e.g. power outage) and apply clean burning practices.

### Retailer Discount

Choose your new heating appliance. Contact one of the participating retailers (listed on the right) to arrange purchase. Once rebate eligibility is verified, the retailer will provide you with an additional discount upon purchase. The retailer will also provide a tracking number that will secure your rebate with the CVRD. This tracking number will be used to verify the purchase and installation of your new heating appliance and the recycling of your old wood-burning appliance.

### Participating Retailers

#### Granny's Gas & Woodstoves

5799 Duncan Street, Duncan  
250.748.3908

#### Pioneer Fireplace

419 Terminal Avenue N., Nanaimo  
250.753.2353

#### 360 Comfort Systems

4675 Trans-Canada Hwy, Duncan  
250.597.2653

#### Black Jack Sweeps & Services

5425 Miller Road, Duncan  
250.748.4011

#### Hometown Heating & Cooling Ltd.

Lake Cowichan  
250.896.8693

#### Canadian Chimney Limited

426A Walker Ave, Ladysmith  
250.800.2251

#### Yellow Point Heat Pumps LTD

13174 Prospect Drive, Ladysmith  
250.715.3234

# COMMUNITY WOOD SMOKE REDUCTION PROGRAM REBATE APPLICATION

## Rebate Application Information

Tracking Number:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

## Installation Information

New model is a:  
Heat Pump \_\_\_\_\_ Electric Appliance  
Pellet Appliance \_\_\_\_\_ Wood-burning Appliance

Retailer \_\_\_\_\_

Old Make & Model \_\_\_\_\_

New Make & Model \_\_\_\_\_

Purchase Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Did You Dispose Of The Old Wood Burning Appliance?

Yes

Complete CVRD Recycling Attendant portion below

No

Complete Clean Burning Pledge

## CVRD Recycling Attendant Sign Off

Doors removed and door hinges bludgeoned

Ash and brick liner removed

Flue collar bludgeoned

Recycling Attendant  
(print name) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Application Checklist

To receive the rebate, please provide the following:

- A copy of the purchase receipt
- Completed application, including applicant information on reverse
- A photo of the newly installed appliance
- Completed program survey

For applicants replacing an old wood-burning appliance with a new wood-burning appliance, please also provide:

- Copy of WETT inspection report
- Copy of wood smoke course certificate

## WETT Certification

We require the signature of a WETT certified technician to verify that the wood-burning appliance is uncertified or at least 5 years old

WETT Technician

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

WETT No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Declaration

*I declare I have removed a wood-burning appliance that is uncertified or EPA- or CSA-certified and at least 5 years old and installed a new appliance approved under this program.*

Applicant  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Receiving Your Rebate

If you would like to receive your rebate by direct deposit, please fill out the Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) form below, otherwise your rebate will be mailed to you in the form of a cheque.

**\*Please ensure this application is completed in full and that all requested supporting documents are attached. Applications will be processed within eight weeks.\***

*Personal information supplied by you on the application form is collected under the authority of s. 26 (c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, (the Act). Personal information collected, (name, mailing address, contact number/email), will be used for the purpose of rebate distribution to eligible applicants and may be shared with the province in conjunction with the Community Wood Smoke Reduction Program Participant Survey. By submitting this form you consent to the release of your personal information pursuant to s. 33 (2) (c) of the Act. If you have concerns regarding the collection, use or disclosure of your personal information please contact the CVRD Information & Privacy Officer by email, phone: 250.746.2500 or toll free at: 1.800.665.3955 during regular business hours, 8 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays.*

*Residents applying for a Wood-burning Appliance Exchange must ensure that the purchase, installation and inspection of the new appliance takes place between March 2, 2026 and November 30, 2026.*

## Submitting Applications

Email, mail or drop off applications to:  
Community Wood Smoke Reduction Program  
Cowichan Valley Regional District  
Environmental Services Division  
175 Ingram Street, Duncan, BC V9L 1N8  
Phone: 250.746.2633  
Toll Free: 1.800.665.3955  
Email: [environment@cprd.bc.ca](mailto:environment@cprd.bc.ca)

All applications must be completed and submitted by **November 30, 2026**. Applications received after the deadline will not be eligible for a rebate.

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Approval  
(CVRD Internal Use)